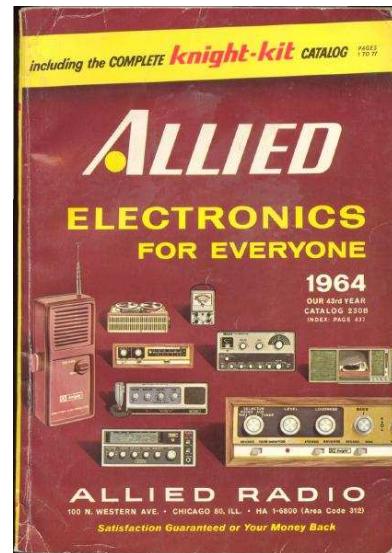


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There it was on the cover of my new copy of Allied Radio's 1964 catalog. It was the kit I wanted to build so I could listen to the world. I could bring the world to my bed room and hear all those foreign stations. I had my eye on the Knight Kit the "Star Roamer".

Months of saving birthday money, mowing lawns and anything else I could do to earn the cash . The day finally came that I had saved enough money to send in my order. Thinking back it might have been about "twenty dollars". I waited every day for the mail to come and one afternoon when I was at a friends house, the Star Roamer arrived.

It took a few days to assemble the radio and to a fourteen year old it looked like a thousand parts. My dad helped me solder and made sure I followed the instructions that came with it.

When it was finally assembled, the long wire antenna
was attached to a nearby tree and the ground wire

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was hooked to a ground rod, it was time to give it a test. I still remember the glow of the four tubes and the smell of new electronics used for the first time. I listened to the radio until late in the evening. All those foreign stations to listen to and there was school the next morning.

It has been almost forty years since I put the radio together and believe it or not I still have the *“Star Roamer”*.

Tandy bought out Allied Radio in the 1970s, now it is owned by a British company and still serves the needs of amateur radio.

73..... N9SIU

WHAT IS AMATEUR RADIO?

This question has come up more than once over the years. Is it a great hobby or an interesting experience? As we all know amateur radio is interesting with all the equipment and gadgets that go with it. There are many aspects we can all agree on that makes it more than just a hobby.

The FCC likes to think of Amateur Radio as a service and for us it is strictly a volunteer service. There has been some thought of changing the hobby aspect to something more appropriate for the times we are now living.

We all know that commercial radio operators receive pay for being on – air professionals.

There is an assumption that “amateur” means that we are nonprofessionals and are of low quality, not to be taken seriously etc. The fact is that Amateur Radio gets its name from the fact that we are unpaid. Amateur means *“done out of love for”* which shows that we do what we do because we love it and not to get paid.

This is something we all need to take seriously and it is vital to the public perception

of Amateur Radio. Wouldn't it be great if our friends and neighbors thought of us the same way as they do police and fire fighters and other emergency services.

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Indiana Section News for September 2003

Condolences to the Family and Friends of these amateurs who became a Silent Key during August/September: Mark Matney KA9YIC, Fairmount, August 14; Gene Jim Garrett WD9EQF, Huntertown, Sept.18; and Edwin Beach W9CTK, Fort Wayne, September 27. They will be missed.

I just received word that the ARRL will offer a free Amateur Radio Emergency Communications seminar on Friday, November 14, in conjunction with the Fort Wayne Hamfest and Computer Expo in Fort Wayne.* This program is designed to explain in greater detail the duties of all Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course participants and how their volunteer efforts are essential to the ARES Field Organization. Senior Citizens are strongly encouraged to participate.

This seminar will explain the importance of every team player with emphasis on using lessons learned to effectively move Amateur Radio emergency communications to the next level, according to ARRL EmComm Course Manager Dan Miller K3UFG. All ARES volunteers, ARECC course participants, and Field Organization leadership will be invited. Course participants at every ARECC level - Mentors, Certification Instructors, Certification Examiners, and current students - will be encouraged to come and share with everyone their experiences with the ARECC Program. Field Organization Leadership - SMs, SECs, DECs and ECs - will also be invited to join in the brainstorming with ideas for motivating volunteers and coordinating activities. We will focus on coordination between ARECC volunteers and students, and their integration into the Field Organization, helping us to provide community impact stressed by the Corporation for National and Community Service for year 2.

Attendees will receive handouts and be eligible for a prize drawing at the end of the seminar. The seminar will be held at the TURNSTONE CENTER, 3320 N. Clinton Street in Fort Wayne from 1 to 5 PM on Friday, November 14, and is open to all interested hams. Seating may be limited. Contact Dan Miller, K3UFG (k3ufg@arrl.org, 860-594-6346, FAX 860-594-0259) at ARRL Hq if you plan to attend. Seminar attendance does not include admission to the hamfest/convention. For more information on the ARRL Fort Wayne Hamfest/Indiana Section ARRL Convention, visit the hamfest web site at <http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com> *This seminar will not include the Level I course itself. Just a REMINDER to all affiliated clubs: For a club to remain actively listed with ARRL, League HQ needs to receive an update form from your club at least once a year, or as often as changes necessitate. To report changes in club data, you can go on-line at:

<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/club/forms/fsd2/> and follow the instructions under the header "how to submit an update for your club records" If your club is an SSC, please be sure that is also updated. The SSC renewal form is located at:

www.arrl.org/FandES/field/forms/fsd7/renewal.html September Section Net Activity.

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NET FREQ DAILY TIMES (UTC) QNI QTC QTR SESS ITN 3910 KHZ 1330/2130/2300
2655 169 1434 81 QIN 3656 KHZ 1430/0000 212 98 909 58 ICN 3705 KHZ 2315
28 9 208 16 ARES 3910 KHZ 4th SUN/MO @1300 5 0 8 1 HOOSIER VHF NETS 9
REPORTING 452 17 967 43 HOOSIER DIGITAL NETS (2) 19 0 ?? 60 September
ORS Traffic Reports: KJ9J 152, K9PUI 105, WA9JWL 100, KO9D 73, K9GBR
40, WB9OFG 12, AB9AA 9, KC9UU 9, W9EHY 8, W3GQJ 6, WB9NCE 3, WA9EOC 2.

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Indiana Amateur Radio Nets

All frequencies are listed in MHz.

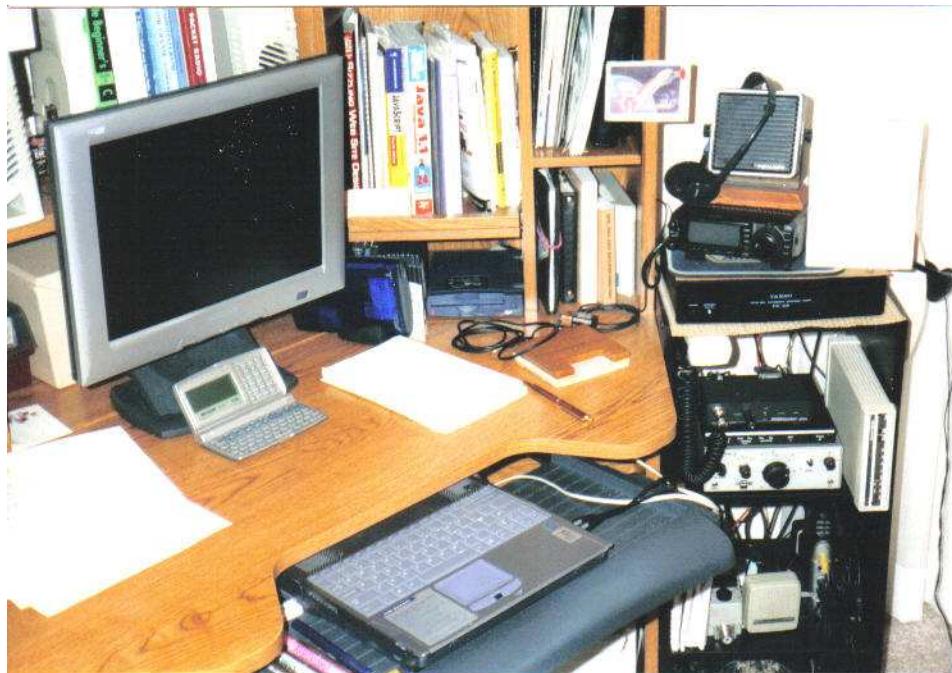
Net Name	Frequency	Day(s) of the Week	Local Time
<u>21 Repeater Group</u>	147.15 +		
<u>Clark Co ARC ARES Net</u>	146.85	Wednesday	9:00 PM
<u>Clifty ARS</u>	146.77 -	Thursday	7:30 PM
<u>Dugger ARC</u>	146.775	Monday	8:00 PM
<u>EARS Wide Area Net</u>	146.925 - 443.925 + 145.15 -	Dy	8:30 PM
<u>EARS Wide Area Net</u>	145.150- (107.2) 146.925- (107.2) 443.925+ (107.2)	Monday	8:30 PM
<u>East Central Indiana Repeater Association</u>	147.000+	Thursday	8:00 PM
<u>Evansville Rag Chewers Net</u>	146.58 -	M, T, W, Th, F	7:30 AM

Fayette County Repeater Group Net	146.745 -	Wednesday	8:00 PM
Grant Co 10-Meter Net	28.43		
Henderson ARC Net	145.49 -	Thursday	8:00 PM
Huntington Co ARES	146.685 -	T S	8:00 PM
Indiana Section ARES/Emergency Net	3.91	4 Sn & When needed	8:00 AM
Indiana, Michigan & Ohio (IMO)	146.88 -	Dy	6:30 PM
Indianapolis/Marion County ARES Net	146.70-	Wednesday	7:30 PM
Jackson Co Net	145.43 -	Wednesday	8:00 PM
KB9LDZ Repeater Net	147.03 +(131.8)	Monday	8:00 PM
Miami Co ARES/RACES Net	147.345 +	Sunday	8:30 PM
Mid-State Amateur Radio Club	146.835 - (151.4)	Sn=Net meets every Sunday	7:00 PM
Morgan Co ARES Net	147.06	Wednesday	8:00 PM
Muncie Area ARC	146.73 -	Sunday	9:00 PM
Old Post Amateur Radio Emergency Net	146.67 -	Thursday	8:00 PM
Owen Co ARES Net	146.985 -	Wednesday	7:30 PM
Pike County ARC	145.450 147.000	Tuesday	8:30 PM

This is some of the nets listed on the ARRL web site. It may not be complete and accuracy is not guaranteed.

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This is the radio shack of Paul Hise, AA9GY
Thanks for the picture!!!!

BUY SELL OR TRADE

PLACE YOUR AD HERE, just let me know what you have to sell, trade or a certain something you are looking for.

Kenwood Radios for sale – Various models of radios, all in working order and ready to be part of your shack.

See Tom, KB9RBB for details and prices. You can reach him on the 146.835 repeater.

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Mid-State Amateur Radio Club meets at 0800 EST the third Saturday of each month at the Johnson County Law Enforcement Center in the Emergency Operations Center. All hams are encouraged to attend this meeting and VE testing is held January through November after the meeting has ended.

MARC operates the 146.835 MHz - (151.4 PL) repeater and all hams are welcome to use it.

For more information please visit our club web page at: <http://www.midstatehams.org>

